

The Friends of the Maryland State Archives

The Friends of the Maryland State Archives is a volunteer organization dedicated to furthering the knowledge and understanding of Maryland's rich history. An understanding of our past is important to planning and preparing for our future. Promoting such insight and knowledge, especially through educational and outreach programs for students and teachers is central to the work of the Friends.

Mission: To further the goals of the Archives in acquiring, preserving and making accessible records, artistic property, and other items relating to the history of Maryland.

Activities of the Friends: The Friends will support the Archives in a number of different ways:

- Sponsor special commemorative events in celebration of Maryland history;
- Assist with the acquisition of important documents, artifacts or works of art that are important to the understanding and interpretation of Maryland history;
- Provide funding for publishing scholarly works relating to Maryland history and culture;
- Provide funding for the conservation of important works of art that are in the state's collections;

Support the Friends of the Maryland State Archives

We welcome support for the educational and outreach activities of the Friends. For more information, please contact: Mimi Calver at 410.260.6444 or mimic@mdsa.net or send your tax deductible donation to:

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"as the sun thou shalt enlighten America"

Calvert Medal, c. 1632

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support the outreach goals of
the Maryland State Archives*

Projects of the Friends of the Maryland State Archives

George Washington's Resignation Speech

The Maryland State Archives has recently acquired George Washington's personal copy of the speech he gave on December 23, 1783 in the Old Senate Chamber resigning his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. The acquisition of this document, valued at \$1.5 million, was made possible through a combination of state funding and the efforts of the Friends of the Maryland State Archives which raised one half of that amount.

The Archives has also acquired the letter that James McHenry wrote to his future wife describing the emotional scene as Washington said farewell to Congress and departed for Mt. Vernon, with the intention of retiring to private life as a Virginia farmer.

These two documents will add immeasurably to the interpretation of the State House and to visitors' understanding of the historic events that took place in the building.

Thurgood Marshall Memorial at BWI/Thurgood Marshall Airport

With funding from a number of donors, a memorial to Thurgood Marshall was unveiled in Concourse C of the BWI/Thurgood Marshall Airport in June 2006. A sculpture by Toby Mendez was commissioned based on his original design for the Marshall memorial on Lawyers' Mall in Annapolis. The memorial also includes an exhibition of photographs and artifacts from Marshall's life.

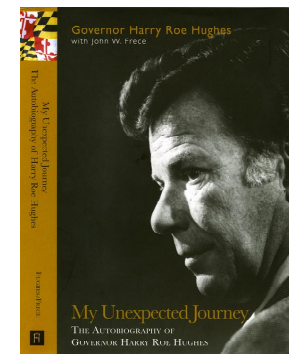
Portrait of Leonard Calvert

A gift from Diana and the late Brice Clagett of Washington, D.C. made possible the acquisition and conservation of a portrait of Leonard Calvert, Maryland's first governor. Conservation work has revealed that the portrait and its frame date from the 17th century. This portrait is a wonderful addition to the state's collection of portraits of the founders of Maryland. It is now hanging in the Governor's Reception Room in the Maryland State House.

My Unexpected Journey

by Harry Roe Hughes

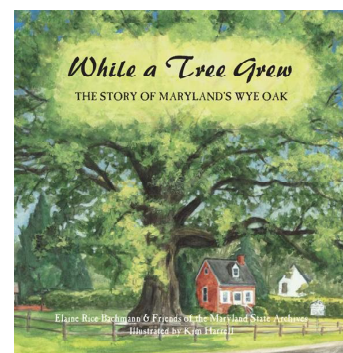
The Friends of the Maryland State Archives provided a grant to assist with the publication of this extraordinary memoir by the former governor of Maryland, Harry R. Hughes. Profits from the sale of the books go to the Archives for its education and outreach initiatives.



While a Tree Grew:

The Story of Maryland's Wye Oak

by Elaine Rice Bachmann



This book for young children tells the story of Maryland's history through the 460 years that the Wye Oak grew and flourished on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Beautifully illustrated by Kim Harrell, the book is a wonderful introduction to the history of our state for our youngest readers. Its publication was underwritten by the Dorothy L. & Henry A. Rosenberg Foundation.

Proceeds from the sale of the book benefit both the Friends of the Maryland State Archives and Wye Oak State Park

The above projects are just a representative sample of the many exciting projects now underway by the Friends of the Maryland State Archives

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